

The **Newfoundland Dog** is a valuable and faithful friend to man, and an implacable enemy to **sheep**. When born or reared from an early age under the roof of man, this dog is the most useful domestic animal in the island of which he is a native. He answers some of the essential purposes of a horse; is docile, capable of strong attachment, and easily pleased in the quality of his food;—he will live upon scraps of boiled fish, whether salted or fresh, and on boiled potatoes and cabbage; but, if hungry, he will not scruple to steal a piece of salmon or raw salt pork from the tub in which it has been left to steep. He is likewise fond of poultry of the larger kind; but he seems to prefer the blood of **sheep** to every thing else.

Both the **Greenland** and **Newfoundland dogs**, however, in a wild state, agree in the dispositions and habits of the wolf. They hunt in packs the animals of the country for the sake of prey; and this circumstance has led to the supposition, which by others is deemed groundless, of there being wolves in the island of **Newfoundland**.

The well-known partiality of the **Newfoundland Dog** for water, in which, whether salt or fresh, he appears as if he were in his proper element, diving and keeping under the surface for a considerable time. as

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well as the fact of his being web-footed, seems to give him some connexion with the class of amphibious animals. The several instances of his superior sagacity on record, and the essential services which he has frequently been known to render to humanity, give him a distinguished rank in the scale of the brute creation.